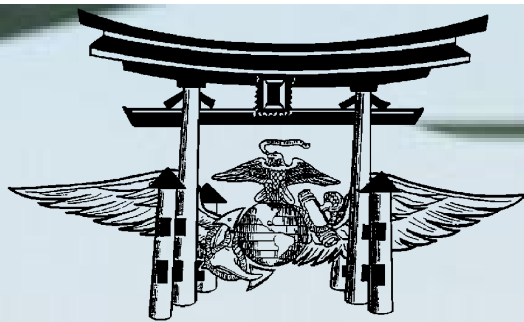


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# A Ringing Endorsement: *The Value of an Honorable Discharge*

Fellow Marines, let me reemphasize a simple, but sometimes-overlooked truth: the characterization of your discharge will impact your opportunities for success in the future and might affect your self-esteem and personal sense of pride. Occasionally, there are Marines who lose sight of this fact and then have trouble dealing with the consequences.

For example, in a recent letter to the editor of one of our professional journals, an individual wrote to express his concerns about having received an Other Than Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps. Interestingly, he said that he felt bad about his separation because the Corps had been a major part of his life, and it had given him a great sense of honor and responsibility. His main point, however, was that he didn't understand why he couldn't get a second chance to correct his missteps. He knew that he had violated the trust and confidence placed in him as a Marine, and understood that the Marine Corps had to take legal action in his case. Still, the writer appeared to be genuinely dejected by his separation and its characterization. While I don't know the details of the incident, I was struck by the emotion in the letter. Its strong appeal for a second chance suggested that civilian life might not have been going well for

this individual. His situation highlighted the fact that an Other Than Honorable Discharge has negative long-term consequences.

It is important to remember that the characterization of your discharge will depend entirely on the nature of your service. Most Marines perform their duties and conduct themselves in the manner in which they are expected and will thereby rate a favorable characterization.

However, these papers are not "rubber stamped." Our profession requires that our standards of behavior be higher than the norm. We insist on discipline, integrity and courage because the nature of warfare requires that we obey orders, trust each other and be able to set our fears aside in order to accomplish the mission. If you meet these standards and perform your duties as expected, then at the end of your days in uniform, you will receive a ringing endorsement that carries the full confidence of the United States Marine Corps — an Honorable Discharge.

An Honorable Discharge is more than a piece of paper that you are given at the end of your enlistment. It is a document that shows that you have served your country faithfully and honestly. It is a reflection of your commitment to duty and demonstrates that you have done your part to protect and advance our national



**Sergeant Maj. Alford L. McMichael**

interests. In short, an Honorable Discharge is, as our Commandant has stated, "both a sign of dedication to the prosperity of our nation and a measure of personal character."

An Honorable Discharge can also be considered your ticket to success because it is an effective endorsement from the U.S. Marine Corps that tells prospective employers or college admissions committees that you are dependable and reliable. Since hard work and personal responsibility are familiar concepts to Marines, it also says that you can remain committed to a cause and see it through to its completion.

Moreover, it correctly implies that

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## Our Cover

**An "injured Sailor,"  
Engine Fireman  
Eduardo Quintanilla,  
waits to be taken to an  
ambulance as Petty  
Officer 2nd class Jason  
Comeaux rushes from  
the SAR helicopter. See  
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exercise. (photo by Cpl.  
Michael Wiener)**

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## News Briefs

### Cherry Blossom Picnic

The Iwakuni Military Retirees Association will hold its Annual Cherry Blossom picnic Sunday at Kintai Bridge starting at noon. All retirees and their families are welcome to attend. Request guests bring one dish to share. Meat and drinks are provided by the association.

### AMC Passengers

Duty passengers flying on military chartered flights are required to check in between 5 and 9 p.m. the night prior to the scheduled flight. Space available passengers are required to be present for roll call at 8:30 a.m. instead of the previous 9 a.m. roll-call time.

### Kintai Marathon

Air station motorists are advised to be cautious of runners Saturday during the Kintai Marathon. The races are scheduled for 9 a.m. Participants will be running the perimeter of the air station.

### Dental appointments

During the week of spring break, April 10 to 14, dental appointments for family members have priority. Residents are encouraged to get their school-aged family members appointments. For more information call 253-3331/3174.

### Road tax

Station residents with privately owned vehicles are required to pay Japanese Road Tax during April. Road taxes can be paid Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the appropriate tax office. For more information call the Provost Marshal's Office at 253-3933.

# Customs bans tobacco products

by Cpl. Michael Wiener  
Torii Teller Staff

The U.S. Customs Service has just announced they will begin enforcing provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

Tobacco products can no longer be brought back into the United States in any quantity.

"Previously, passengers could take tobacco products back to the States in limited quantities," said Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Feliciano, air terminal staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "But now, tobacco products of any kind are restricted from entering the United States — no cigarettes, dip, chewing tobacco or cigars."

Tobacco products declared upon entering the United States will be

exported back to the point of origin or turned over to be destroyed by Customs officials. Tobacco products not declared but found will be seized, and penalties and fines can be assessed.

"You could end up paying \$1,000 for bringing a pack of cigarettes back on a AMC flight," Feliciano said. "Customs agents can randomly search anyone entering the country."

"If you have any tobacco products, you need to leave them at Misawa before getting on the plane to Seattle. Otherwise, you could end up paying a big fine."

The new ban on tobacco products is effective immediately. The Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agency has more information outlined on its web site [www.atf.treas.com](http://www.atf.treas.com).

# Seabees begin construction

by Cpl. Matthew Shaw  
Torii Teller Staff

Navy Mobile Construction Battalion Detachment 74 landed in MCAS Iwakuni recently to conduct contingency training during its seven-month deployment.

The detachment based out of Gulfport, Miss., replaced NMCB-7, also based out of Gulfport.

The Seabees work will benefit the air station as well as increase their effectiveness as a construction group through five assigned projects, said Navy Lt. Eddie Murray Jr., NMCB-74 Detachment officer-in-charge.

The five projects NMCB-74 has been tasked with will keep the 21 Seabees trained and prepared for situations they may encounter in a combat situation, said Murray.

Refurbishing a Quonset hut for VMFA(AW)-225 is one of the first projects the Seabees are attacking.

"Right now what we're doing is gutting the building," said Murray. "We'll be putting in new flooring and

walls, and we will repaint the structure."

The Seabees will also replace two transformers, one in the ordnance disposal area and the other near the fire station, construct a butler building used for storage and a soil land farming facility near the fuel farm, and a wash rack for vehicles.

When the detachment is not deployed, they go through training where they learn their jobs in a classroom style.

"During wartime we're set up to go in and build roads and quarters for Marines," Murray said. "This is actual hands-on training to sharpen our skills, so when we go to war, we can build."

The Seabees help the air station while honing their abilities.

"All Seabee work is very low cost to the government as opposed to hiring out contractors," said Ensign Melissa Plean, assistant resident officer-in-charge of construction, Yokosuka. "We really appreciate the Seabees. They're the unsung heroes."

# C-12 crew recognized

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz  
Torii Teller Staff

Third Marine Expeditionary Force Deputy Commanding General, Brig. Gen. John Castellaw, recently made a special visit to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron C-12 crew members for their efforts in East Timor.

Brigadier Gen. Castellaw made the trip to thank the Marines for their support during the crucial period when International Forces in East Timor were trying to help the government regain stability.

As INTERFET commander of U.S. forces, Brig. Gen. Castellaw presented the crew members with a commemorative plaque.

"Quite frankly, I couldn't have done my job down there without those Marines," the general said. "They allowed

me to have the capability on short notice to either evacuate people, insert people or move around the theater, and that responsiveness is what we have those aircraft for."

During that period, C-12 crews transported mail, supplies and people by flying between Darwin, Australia, and Dili, East Timor, daily.

"As a crewmember, it was different seeing a C-12 used in a real-world type of operation," said Gunnery Sgt. Michael Vogan, H&HS logistics chief.

When the C-12 crew finished its role in East Timor, the general thanked them before they returned home. That is why the visit came as such a surprise to them.

"It was pretty unexpected," said Gunnery Sgt. Keith Johnson, H&HS airfield facilities staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge. "It felt great for him to come all this way just to recognize us like that."

## Commissary construction continues

by Cpl. Matthew Shaw  
Torii Teller Staff

The Defense Commissary Association asks patrons to remain patient and cooperative as construction for the next phase of renovations begins Tuesday.

Contractors will begin re-tiling floors and installing new freeze and chill displays and a new heating and cooling system during the two-month phase. Although the Commissary is doing all it can to minimize any inconvenience to its customers, there will be longer lines.

"We're going to have to take out three registers and temporarily operate with two," said Grace McCann, commissary director.

The three registers will be out of service until the next phase of construction begins in July.

In addition, the current entrance will be blocked off, and the current exit will serve as both entrance and exit to the commissary. The automatic doors will also be replaced, McCann said. Variations of food items may be limited due to the 50 percent capacity in the refrigerated section.

"Once the construction is over, I think it'll be a much more pleasant shopping experience for the customers," said McCann.



photo by Cpl. Matthew Shaw

**Masako Matsumoto, sales store checker, rings up the total for Commissary patrons. Three existing check-out registers will be closed during the next phase of renovations.**

# Marines field-day Kosovo

by Cpl. W.A. Napper Jr.  
24th MEU (SOC) Correspondent

## CAMP CASABLANCA, Kosovo

— One cardinal rule of the Marine Corps is to leave an area cleaner than when it was first found.

Marines of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit are continuing that crucial role in preserving the environment by ensuring that hazardous material are safely disposed.

According to Capt. Drew Eanniello, 24th MEU Hazardous Materials Officer, taking care of the local environment is crucial to the Marines' mission during NATO's Exercise Dynamic Response 2000.

"One practice we always instill is to operate just like back home," he said. "We're doing this as a courtesy to try and establish a working system for the disposal of hazardous material here." When hazardous materials are collected, they're taken to Camp Bondsteel for temporary storage.

"The Marines bring their materials here and we take care of it," said Army Capt. Roger Giraud, 701st Forward Support Battalion, Maintenance Officer. "From here a local civilian contractor takes it to a facility to properly dispose of it." Marines make the run to Camp Bondsteel weekly, when the Battalion Landing Team returns from the field or when operations are increased. Eanniello said this is mainly due to an increase of machinery use. Participative nations are responsible for properly disposing of their own hazardous waste materials.

"There is no centralized system by KFOR for the disposal of hazardous materials," said Eanniello. "All of

the individual elements are responsible for their own disposal, which usually means transporting it back to their own country."

Forces in Kosovo from the United States have adopted a system originally developed by the Army's 1st Infantry Division because they have a full brigade, including heavy aviation and mechanized assets.

MEU Service Support Group-24 and members of the 2nd Irish Transport Company take turns transporting the waste, which can

range from used oil to batteries or petroleum and lubricants.

"Coordination (with the Army and the Irish) is the key element in this type of operation," said Eanniello. "For example, recently a tank engine was replaced. Under ordinary circumstances this would be difficult to dispose of due to the different waste products. Here it's much safer to drop the entire engine for disposal all at once. That way it's taken care of properly and, above all else, safely."



photo by Cpl. W.A. Napper Jr.

**Members of the 2nd Irish Transport Company offload burnt oil and faulty oil containers March 31 during NATO's Exercise Dynamic Response 2000.**



# Corpsman Up!

## *Mass casualty drill tests air station*

by Cpl. Michael Wiener  
Torii Teller Staff

Branch Medical Clinic and Search and Rescue personnel here put their skills to the test March 30 during a mass casualty exercise.

A simulated mid-air collision set the stage for the training. "Casualties" were found adrift in waters five miles east of the station, on Chinaman's Hat and at Gunn Park.

Emergency crews reacted immediately. The casualties were located and assessed, then evacuated to Branch Medical clinic, receiving treatment en route.

Improved coordination and communication between SAR and the clinic

made this exercise successful, according to Navy Lt. James Yun, medical officer.

"Everything went smoothly. Anytime you have this big of an exercise and this many people, you're bound to have problems," Yun said, "but we had none."

"There was a greater focus on teamwork between SAR, the clinic and Boat House," said Maj. Gregory Glasser, Station and Operations Maintenance Division officer-in-charge. "Preparation was great — the role players were briefed the day before, and it was a surprise to those who needed to be surprised."

Though problems were not

encountered, the exercise allowed fine tuning in case of actual emergency.

"We're probably going to find a new place for the handoff from the helicopter to the ambulance," said Yun after the debrief. "We also plan to get common radio frequencies to make communication more efficient."

"We definitely need to streamline and practice standard operating procedures," Glasser said. "This is a very critical aspect of the station's capability that needs to be focussed on and will continue to be focused on."

Safety was paramount throughout the exercise, even though the scenerio was chaotic.

"It was very fast, very safe training," Yun said. "We paid special attention to safety, and during the debrief discovered ways to make future exercises even safer."

Special gear, such as cranials, will be part of gear stored in ambulances for future exercises and emergencies.

Even though air station personnel passed their "test," the future holds possibilities of an even better exercise, according to Yun.

"Essentially everyone did their job well," he said. "However, many things can be done better."

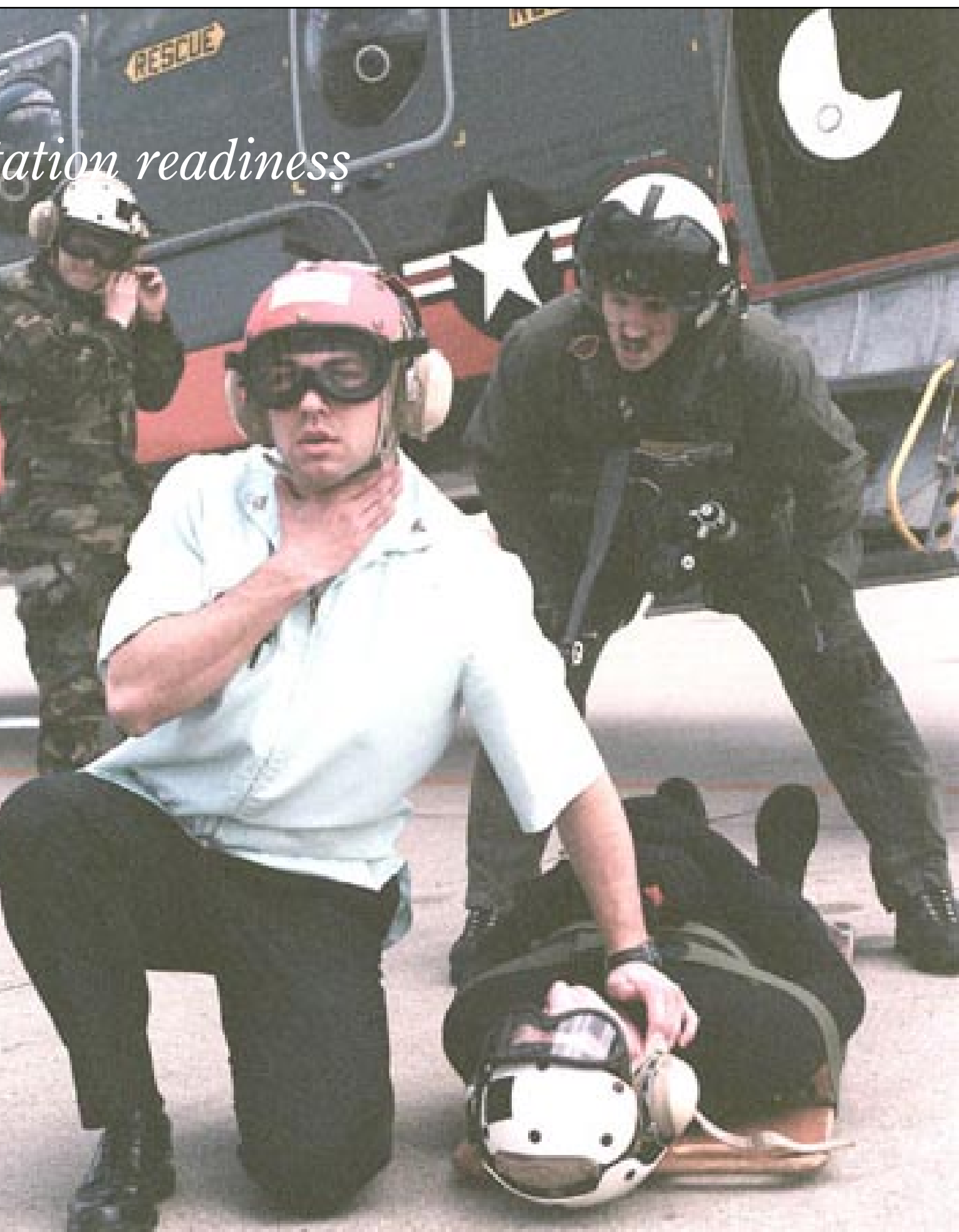


**TOP:** Petty Officer 2nd class Darrell Timpa treats one of the the "casualties" during the exercise.

**ABOVE:** Petty Officer 3rd class Chaun White Eagle looks on as clinic staff load a "casualty" onto the ambulance.

**RIGHT:** Petty Officer 3rd class Jason Fisher signals to another corpsman for a neck brace for the "casualty" who was taken off of the helicopter.

*ation readiness*



by virtue of your military service, you are better equipped than your civilian counterparts to overcome adversity and find solutions under stressful conditions.

These distinctions are important because there are a growing number of employers who give hiring preferences to former service members. They recognize, especially in the case of Marines, that your training has given you a sense of discipline, honor and commitment that many of your civilian peers do not have. In the business world, managers see this as translating into greater efficiency and productivity. However, not everyone who served in the military has these attributes. Therefore, the “truth teller” that lets an employer know if you are going to “measure up” is the characterization of your discharge. An honorable characterization suggests that you have these attributes and will therefore be an asset to any employer.

An Honorable Discharge also affords you civil service preference in the federal government, as well as in many state and local governments. Municipal employers, such as the police and fire departments, often favor former military members not only because of the training that we receive, but also because those jobs require disciplined professionals who can think quickly on their feet. They want people who are trustworthy and reliable, and are able to work both independently and as part of a team.

For some, the greatest utility of an Honorable Discharge is that it entitles you to all the benefits the Veterans Administration (VA) offers. These include the educational packages known as the Montgomery G. I. Bill (MGIB) and the Marine Corps College Fund (MCCF). The MGIB provides up to \$19,296 dollars, and the MCCF will grant up to \$50,000 dollars to pay for your college. Other VA benefits include the VA home loan guarantee, which allows you to purchase a home with little or no down payment. This provides great assistance to first-time homebuyers and young Marines who may have limited savings. The privilege of receiving medical treatment at VA medical centers is another benefit. Treatment at these centers is guaranteed even if the injuries or illnesses occur after you leave active service.

Although we can assign these benefits a dollar value, in terms of their positive effects on a member, we consider them priceless. By paying for your education, easing the burden of buying a home and ensuring your access to medical care, they contribute greatly to helping you reach your full potential and realize the “American dream.”

Other advantages that an Honorable Discharge guarantee include the privilege of retaining your eligibility to join the Reserve or National Guard. Joining the Marine Corps Reserve is a great way to continue serving our country and Corps. The Reserves allow you to pursue a

civilian career while remaining strongly connected to our Corps.

For non-U.S. citizens serving in the military, an Honorable Discharge helps to speed up the naturalization process, provided they meet other requirements. Incidentally, current law requires that the Marine Corps notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service to revoke the citizenship of naturalized citizens who receive an Other Than Honorable Discharge.

Finally, an Honorable Discharge allows you the distinction of being laid to rest at one of our nation's federal cemeteries. If you or your family desires, you will receive full military honors and the VA will fund the headstone or flag for the burial. This is our grateful nation's final “thank you” for your honest and faithful service.

The above-mentioned are just some of the material benefits that an Honorable Discharge guarantees.

They are important to us because they produce visible results. This makes them seem more like a “reward” for our service. However, there is one other benefit that, although it is more difficult to measure, is just as rewarding. This intangible benefit is, perhaps, the most gratifying of all — the pride that comes

from knowing that you served your country — rising to the challenge, meeting your obligation and performing as expected.

When you return to civilian society, you will have every reason to walk proudly and with your head held high. That pride will be rooted not only in the personal satisfaction that comes from having served our nation as a Marine, but also in the certain knowledge that your Corps and country are grateful for your service and will always stand beside you. An Honorable Discharge will always follow you as a mark of your accomplishment and precede you as sign of your potential.

After you've used the scholarship money to advance your education and the VA loan to purchase a house, the satisfaction of knowing that you served faithfully and honorably will always remain.

You will never have to second guess yourself and wonder “what might have been” had you earned an Honorable Discharge. You can forever be secure in your knowledge - with well-deserved contentment - that you did something important for our nation, that by your honorable service, you contributed to maintaining our country as the shining example of freedom, and helped to maintain our Corps as America's premier fighting force.

In the end, you can stand with your head held high as living proof that for 224 years our Corps has been making Marines, winning battles and returning responsible citizens to society.

**"You will never have to second guess yourself and wonder 'what might have been' had you earned an Honorable Discharge."**

***Sergeant Maj. McMichael***

/s/ Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael  
Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps

# Postal delivers customer satisfaction

by **Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz**  
Torii Teller Staff

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni postal staff started a night shift Saturday to spend more time focusing on customer satisfaction.

Parcel pick-up is now open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. due to the new shift system the postal staff is using.

Before the mail was sorted during the day, which did not allow enough time for the clerks to help customers efficiently.

"We coordinated with the local airlines and trucking companies who deliver our mail to be able to make this new shift work," said Staff Sgt. John Watson, postal chief.

The night crew consists of three to four postal Marines who will be rotated from days to nights every three months.

"We don't have to worry about

sorting the mail, because the night crew already has," said Cpl. Christopher Pyanowski, postal operations chief. "Now we have the time to focus on a customer's needs."

At times, a late shipment or high volume of mail caused the postal clerks to work more than regular hours. Sometimes they were called in to work one to two hours early, or placed under a lot of stress to have the mail ready by 11:30 a.m.

"Now we can come in at a regular time, rather than worry if we're going to have to come in early the next day," said Pfc. Carlos Munoz, postal clerk.

The new night shift will cut five to six hours out of the postal clerks'



photo by Cpl. Matthew Shaw

**Postal Clerk Pfc. Adam Baker takes time to help a customer pick up and sign for her packages.**

normal week, allowing more time to assist customers and conduct military training classes.

## New Bus Route

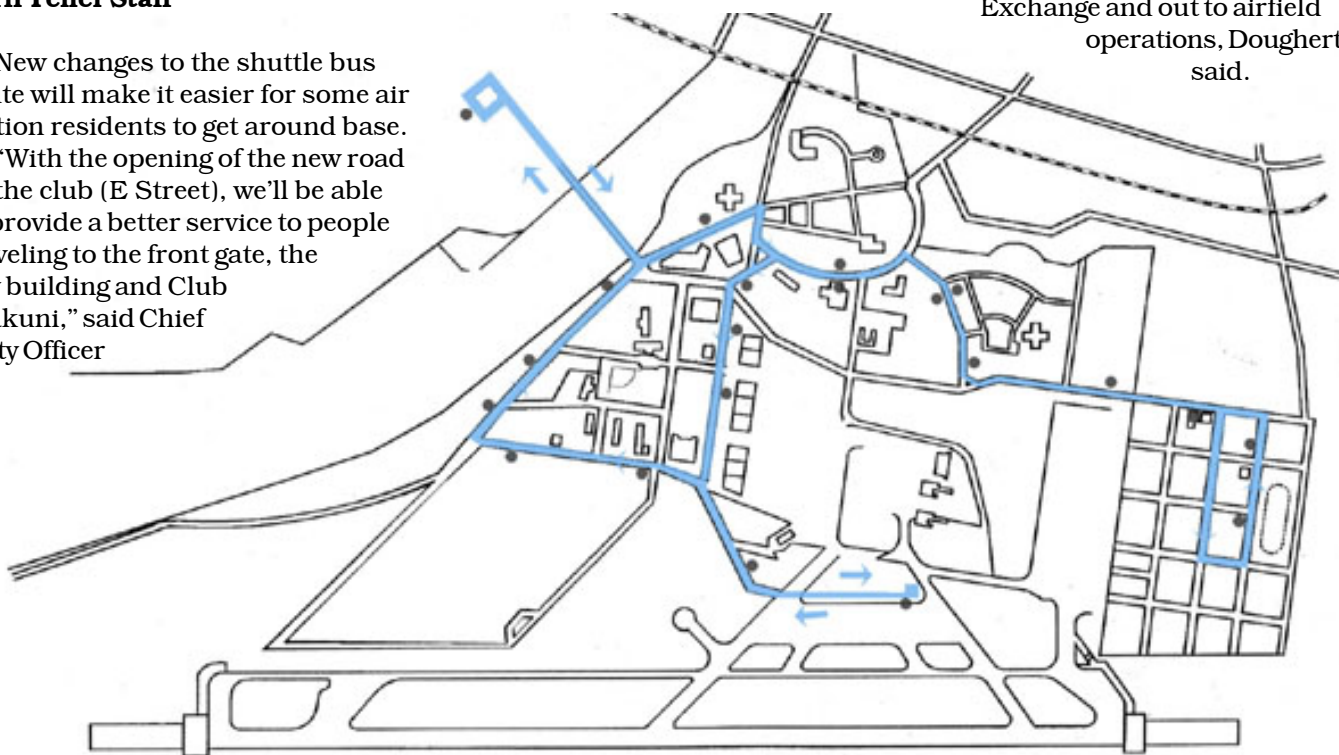
by **Cpl. Matthew Shaw**  
Torii Teller Staff

New changes to the shuttle bus route will make it easier for some air station residents to get around base.

"With the opening of the new road by the club (E Street), we'll be able to provide a better service to people traveling to the front gate, the law building and Club Iwakuni," said Chief Petty Officer

(SCW) Thomas Dougherty, station transportation operations manager. The new bus route will go from the monzen stop to Club Iwakuni and the PMO building, then to northside. Coming back from northside, the bus will go by the chapel facility to Club Iwakuni, to the

Exchange and out to airfield operations, Dougherty said.



# Leaving it all behind

by Cpl. Michael Wiener  
Torii Teller Staff



**Corporal Matthew Shaw adds fuel to the fire. No camping trip is complete without a campfire, but the fire was kept well in control away from dry brush, overhanging trees and tents.**



photos by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn

**Lance Cpl. Richard Barker and I figure out one of the tents checked out from Outdoor Recreation. Setting up the tents was easy, even for a couple for jarheads.**

After a strenuous week in the office, my co-workers and I decided to get as far away from our very demanding boss as we could — for the weekend anyway.

Our objective became Tsutsumigaura Camp Ground on Miyajima because no one would be able to find us. As an NCO and former grunt, I took charge and wrote a five paragraph order for our “mission.”

**Situation:** co-workers and I stressed out.

**Mission:** put a large amount of distance between us and the office to recharge, relax and forget about work, and return Monday ready to work. Our bottom line is to eradicate all stress.

**Execution:** at 8:30 a.m., meet at Austin Hall, Barracks 314, load gear into van and depart for objective. After a quick stop at a local donut shop for a healthy breakfast, we will arrive at Tsutsumigaura. Our next job is to set up camp, a fire and “kitchen,” and for the next 33 hours, enjoy the surrounding area.

**Administration and Logistics:** check out all necessary gear from Outdoor Recreation. Gear list includes tents, sleeping bags, propane stove, lanterns, cooler and water jug. All food will be purchased at the Commissary except for coffee and donuts on the first day. Special note — don’t forget cream-filled, processed flour, golden cakes.

Camping at Tsutsumigaura costs 300 yen per person each night. A round trip ferry ride costs 3,300 yen per vehicle and 370 yen per person.

**Command and Signal:** I am in command. Follow any signal I give. Any and all other campers in area are friendly and should be treated as such.

Deer and other wild animals are also considered friendly. In fact, the only enemy on this mission is stress.

By following the five paragraph order and ITT’s directions to Tsutsumigaura, the mission was a success. Everyone enjoyed the trails, open fields and my pancakes cooked on the rented propane stove.

We returned to work Monday full of energy and ready to tackle the week’s tasks.

However, today is Friday, and we are again in need of a break — perhaps another five paragraph order.

## Sports Briefs

### Kintai Marathon

Volunteers are being sought for the post-race tear-down crew for the 2000 Kintai Marathon Saturday. Volunteers will receive a free hot lunch, event T-shirt and letter of appreciation. For more information call Semper Fit at 253-6359.

### Torii Pines Hours Change

Torii Pines Golf Course hours change Saturday. The course is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and holidays 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. The driving range opens from 7 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

### Red Cross Golf Tournament

Torii Pines holds an American Red Cross benefit golf tournament Sunday. Showtime is 9 a.m., with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. For more information call 253-3402.

### Lifeguard/Junior Lifeguard

Swimmers age 10 and older may participate in lifeguard classes Monday through April 14, 9 a.m.-5

p.m., at the Indoor Pool. There is a fee. For more information call 253-5520.

### Teen Strength Training

Fitness holds strength training for teens ages 12-16 in the Main Gym's weight room. The six-week session runs April 17 through May 27. There is a fee. For more information call 253-5051.

### All Marine Women's Softball

Athletics accepts résumés until May 22 for All-Marine Women's Softball trial camp July 9-29. The Armed Forces camp is July 30 through Aug. 5. For more information or resume formats call Anna at 253-4605.

### Couples Tourney

The Boar's Head Sporting Lodge holds a skeet tournament April 15. Register at 11 a.m.; the tournament begins at 11:30 a.m. There is a fee. For more information call 253-3822.

# The Scoreboard

### Softball Scores April 3

Hit Squad	9	Hit Squad	12	Chain Gang	13	Gang was ahead by 20	
171 Engineers	1	Dragons	11	Partners in Crime	3	runs.	
Dragons	15	*Hit Squad's Tim		Chain Gang	27	Chain Gang	18
MAG-12	10	Greene hits game-		SAR Phrogs	7	171 Engineers	1
Lancers	14	winning home run in		*Game called at 3rd		MAG-12	17
MALS-12	4	the bottom of 7thin-		inning when Chain		Lancers	6
		ning with one out.					

# Get the lead out

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz  
Torii Teller Staff

A shooter strolls out of the lodge to the yellow square painted on the half moon, concrete course.

In his left hand he holds his open shotgun, and in his right hand rounds of ammunition. He places the shells in the weapon and slams it closed, raises it to his shoulder and yells "Pull!"

With a loud blast, fire and hot lead shoots out of the end of his shotgun and a clay pigeon explodes shattered remains.

Every weekend, this scene replays itself at the Boar's Head Sporting Lodge as station residents polish or learn skeet and trap shooting skills.

The skeet and trap range consist of eight stages of fire. There are five positions from which to shoot. They are placed between both the "high house" and a "low house," or launching structures.

Shooters shoot two clays at each station when they give the command for a target to be launched. Three positions are repeated with a "double," when two disks are launched with one command.

"The difference between skeet and trap shooting is that trap is launched straight and skeet will criss-cross in mid-air," said Sgt. Tom Kaufmann, MALS-12 radar technician and sporting lodge employee. "You shoot a lot more lead in skeet than you would trap."

The employees of the sporting lodge are there to guide shooters through the course and ensure their safety while on the range. They also give a safety brief to all shooters before firing.

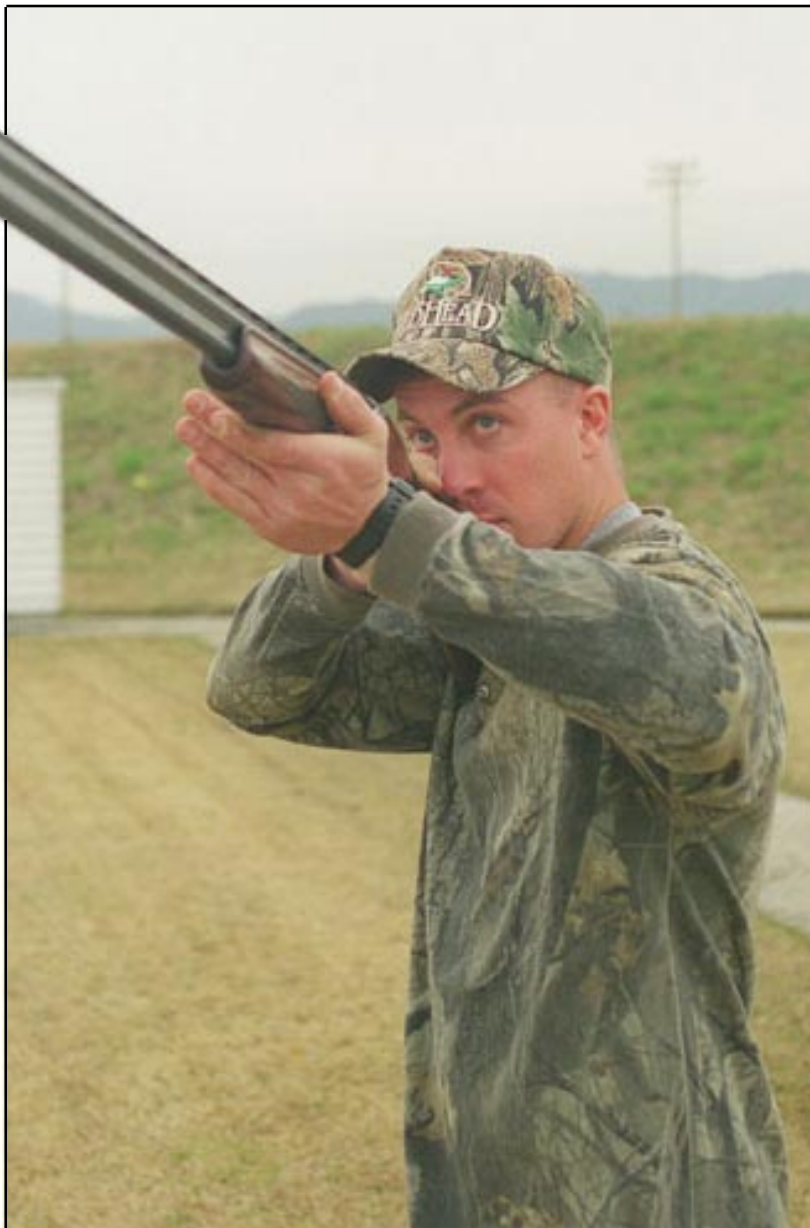
"It's a nice place to shoot, as long as everyone follows safety regulations just as they would on the rifle range," said Lance Cpl. Lance Brown, MAG-12 Nuclear, Biological and Chemical specialist, and sporting lodge employee.

The lodge also plays host to competitions sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services. The next competitive match is a mixed couples tournament scheduled April 15.

Outdoor Recreation loans shotguns, hearing and eye protection to those who do not have the required gear but still want to shoot at the range.

"The equipment they can sign for is included in the price of shooting," Kaufmann explained.

The range hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the weekends. For more information contact the Outdoor Recreation office at 253-6359.



photos by Sgt. Raymie Cruz

**ABOVE: Sergeant Tom Kaufmann, MALS-12 radar technician and lodge employee enjoys the chance to get some shooting time in at the range Saturday.**

**LEFT: A shooter ensures that his ammunition is properly seated, while preparing to fire at his next target on the range.**



## Friday

9:00 Sesame Street  
10:00 Blues Clues  
10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal  
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)  
12:00 NBC Nightly News  
12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)  
1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)  
1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)  
2:00 General Hospital (TV-14)  
3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries  
3:30 Angela Anaconda (TV-Y)  
4:00 Sister, Sister  
4:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (TV-G)  
5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)  
5:30 Headline News  
6:00 Pacific Report  
6:33 CNN/SI  
7:00 King of the Hill (TV-PG)  
7:30 That '70s Show (TV-PG)  
8:00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)  
9:00 Law and Order (TV-14)  
10:00 Pacific Report  
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno  
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

## Saturday

0:35 ESPNNews  
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn  
Turner and Hooh (TV-PG)  
3:25 Movie 'til Dawn  
Green Card (TV-PG)  
5:00 Today Show  
7:00 Barney and Friends  
7:30 Sabrina's PG&J Otter (TV-Y)  
8:00 Sabrina: The Animated Series (TV-Y)  
8:30 Disney's Recess (TV-Y)  
9:00 Hey! Arnold (TV-Y)  
9:30 Goosebumps (TV-Y7)  
10:00 Nova  
11:00 Navy/Marine Corps News  
11:30 NBA (TNT)  
2:00 ESPNNews  
2:30 NBC Nightly News  
3:00 This Old House  
3:30 California Gold  
5:00 WWF Superstars (TV-14)  
6:00 Entertainers  
7:00 Headline News  
7:30 ESPNNews  
8:00 Beverly Hills, 90210 (TV-14)  
9:00 Judging Amy (TV-PG)  
10:00 20/20 Friday  
11:00 Headline News  
11:30 ESPNNews

## Sunday

12:00 Saturday Night Live (TV-14)  
1:30 Motown Live (TV-G)  
2:30 It's Showtime at the Apollo (TV-PG)  
3:30 Austin City Limits (TV-G)  
4:30 Friday Night  
5:30 Texas Music Cafe  
6:00 Headline News  
6:30 Hour of Power  
7:00 Outreach of Love  
7:30 Coral Ridge Hour  
8:00 The Word in the World

8:30 Keep the Faith  
9:00 Dragon Tales (TV-Y)  
9:30 Wishbone  
10:00 Wonderful World/Disney  
Toothless (TV-G)  
12:00 Wild Things (TV-PG)  
1:00 Headline News  
1:30 Air Force TV News  
2:00 MLB (TBS)  
Flants at Braves  
5:00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (TV-PG)  
6:00 Computer Chronicles  
6:30 Wall Street Journal Report  
7:00 Headline News  
7:30 ESPNNews  
8:00 Kids Say/Darndest Things (TV-G)  
8:30 Home Improvement (TV-PG)  
9:00 Primetime Movie  
Kiss the Girls (TV-14)  
Headline News  
11:00 Seinfeld (TV-14)

## Monday

12:00 The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)  
12:30 Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)  
Texas vs. Cahill  
1:30 America's Black Forum  
2:00 U.S. Soccer (ESPN2)  
4:00 The Story of Golf II (CBS)  
6:00 PGA Golf (CBS)  
9:00 Headline News  
9:30 Showbiz Today  
10:00 Sesame Street  
11:00 Jim Henson's Animal Show  
11:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal  
12:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)  
1:00 Headline News  
1:30 Wheel of Fortune  
2:00 Port Charles (TV-14)  
2:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)  
3:15 General Hospital (TV-14)  
4:05 New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh  
4:30 Disney's Hercules  
5:00 Squigglevision (TV-Y)  
5:30 Kenan and Kel (TV-Y)  
6:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)  
6:30 Headline News  
7:00 Pacific Report  
7:33 CNN/SI  
8:00 60 Minutes  
9:00 The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)  
9:30 Whose Line is it Anyway (TV-PG)  
10:00 The Practice (TV-14)  
11:00 Pacific Report  
11:35 Tonight Show w/Leno

## Tuesday

12:35 Late Show w/Letterman  
1:35 ESPNNews  
2:05 Movies 'til Dawn  
Rear Window (TV-PG)  
3:45 Movies 'til Dawn  
An Officer and a Gentleman (TV-PG)  
6:00 Headline News  
6:30 ESPNNews  
7:00 Today Show  
9:00 Headline News  
9:30 Showbiz Today

10:00 Sesame Street  
11:00 Bear in the Big Blue House  
11:30 Co-Ed Training  
12:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)  
1:00 NBC Nightly News  
1:30 Wheel of Fortune  
2:00 Port Charles (TV-14)  
2:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)  
3:15 General Hospital (TV-14)  
4:05 Spiderman: Animated Series  
4:30 Student Bodies  
5:00 Nick News  
5:30 Scholastic Sports America (TV-G)  
6:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)  
6:30 Headline News  
7:00 Pacific Report  
7:33 CNN/SI  
8:00 Everybody Loves Raymond (TV-PG)  
7:33 CNN/SI  
8:30 Primetime Movie  
The Hunt for Red October (TV-PG)  
11:00 Pacific Report  
11:35 Tonight Show w/Leno

## Wednesday

12:35 Late Show w/Letterman  
1:35 ESPNNews  
2:05 Movies 'til Dawn  
What's Love Got to do with it (TV-PG)  
3:45 Movies 'til Dawn  
Shane (TV-PG)  
6:00 Headline News  
6:30 ESPNNews  
7:00 Today Show  
9:00 Headline News  
9:30 Showbiz Today  
10:00 Sesame Street  
11:00 Blues Clues  
11:30 Bodyshaping  
12:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)  
1:00 NBC Nightly News  
1:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)  
2:00 Port Charles (TV-14)  
2:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)  
3:15 General Hospital (TV-14)  
4:05 The Lion King's Timon and Pumba  
4:30 Darkwing Duck  
5:00 Power Rangers in Space (TV-Y7)  
5:30 One World (TV-PG)  
6:00 Jeopardy!  
6:30 Headline News  
7:00 Pacific Report  
7:33 CNN/SI  
8:00 Smart Guy (TV-PG)  
8:30 Moesha (TV-PG)  
9:00 AFN Special  
The 31st NAACP Image Award  
Pacific Report  
11:00 Pacific Report  
11:35 Tonight Show w/Leno

## Thursday

12:35 Late Show w/Letterman  
1:35 ESPNNews  
2:05 Movies 'til Dawn  
Legal Eagles (TV-PG)  
4:10 Movies 'til Dawn  
48 Hours (TV-PG)  
6:00 Headline News  
6:30 ESPNNews  
7:00 Today Show

9:00 Headline News  
9:30 Showbiz Today  
10:00 Sesame Street  
11:00 Bear in the Big Blue House (TV-Y)  
11:30 Co-Ed Training  
12:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)  
1:00 NBC Nightly News  
1:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)  
2:00 Port Charles (TV-14)  
2:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)  
3:15 General Hospital (TV-14)  
4:05 Animaniacs  
4:30 Batman (TV-Y7)  
5:00 Pokemon (TV-Y)  
5:30 Boy Meets World (TV-PG)  
6:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)  
6:30 Headline News  
7:00 Pacific Report  
7:33 CNN/SI  
8:00 Friends (TV-PG)  
8:30 Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza (TV-PG)  
9:00 Frasier (TV-PG)  
9:35 Spin City (TV-PG)  
10:00 ER (TV-14)  
11:00 Pacific Report  
11:35 Tonight Show w/Leno

## Friday

12:35 Late Show w/Letterman  
1:35 ESPNNews  
2:05 Movies 'til Dawn  
Jaws IV: The Revenge (TV-PG)  
4:45 Movies 'til Dawn  
M\*A\*S\*H\* (TV-14)  
6:00 Headline News  
6:30 ESPNNews  
7:00 Today Show  
9:00 Headline News  
9:30 Showbiz Today  
10:00 Sesame Street  
11:00 Blues Clues  
11:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal  
12:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)  
1:00 NBC Nightly News  
1:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)  
2:00 Port Charles (TV-14)  
2:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)  
3:00 General Hospital (TV-14)  
4:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries  
4:30 Angela Anaconda (TV-Y)  
5:00 Sister, Sister  
5:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (TV-G)  
6:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)  
6:30 Headline News  
7:00 Pacific Report  
7:33 CNN/SI  
8:00 King of the Hill (TV-PG)  
8:30 That '70s Show (TV-PG)  
9:00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)  
10:00 Law and Order (TV-14)  
11:00 Pacific Report  
11:35 Tonight Show w/Leno

## Movies

### Sakura Theater

#### Down To You (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material, sexual content, language, drug and alcohol use  
April 7, 7 p.m.; April 8, 7 p.m.; April 9, 7 p.m.; April 12, 7 p.m.

A romantic and comedic tale of Al Connelly and Imogen, a young couple whose passionate romance takes them for a ride down the all-too-powerful path of first love. Set against the chaotic and hilarious backdrop of college lifestyle in New York City, their story brings to light the ever-present conflict between true love and the temptation to wander astray from commitment. When mischievous friends enter the scene, Al and Imogen are confronted with obstacles that add to the highlights and pitfalls of their love affair. Ultimately, their journey allows them to face the future, with some unexpected results.

#### Erin Brockovich (R)

Rated R for language  
April 7, 10 p.m.; April 8, 10 p.m.; April 10, 7 p.m.

Based on a true story, Julia Roberts plays a single

mother working at a Los Angeles law firm who uncovers a case of water poisoning created by PG&E and championed it up the judicial system. Directed by "Out of Sight's" Steven Soderbergh. Aaron Eckhart and Albert Finney co-star.

#### The Tigger Movie (G)

Rated G for family  
April 8, 4 p.m.; April 9, 3 p.m.; April 11, 7 p.m.

Winnie the Pooh, Piglet, Owl, Kanga, Roo, Rabbit and the ever-exuberant Tigger are busy preparing a suitable winter home for dismal donkey Eeyore. Everyone is into the effort except Tigger who is too playful to work. When Rabbit suggests Tigger go find some other "tiggers" to cavort with — at first, Tigger thinks the notion absurd since he believes he's the only "tigger." But an amazing journey through the Hundred-Acre Wood brings surprises.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. Any questions or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

### Iwakuni's Theaters

#### Kokusai:

April 7-21

"Toy Story II" - 10:30 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 6:35 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:10 p.m., 9:55 p.m.

#### New Central I:

April 8 - end of April  
No English Movies

#### New Central II:

April 8-9  
"Sleepy Hollow" - 6:20 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:20 p.m.

April 10-21  
"Sleepy Hollow" - 11:50 a.m., 1:55 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., (Sat. only) 8 p.m.

#### New Central III:

April 8-9  
"The Green Mile" - 3:15 p.m., 6:35 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:55 p.m.

#### April 10-21

"The Green Mile" - 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:25 p.m.

Find additional TV schedules and sports teams names at  
[www.iwakuni.usmc.mil](http://www.iwakuni.usmc.mil)



## Local

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### **Medical Clinic Health Promotions Tobacco Cessation Courses**

Tobacco Cessation classes will be held Wednesday, April 14, 19, 21, May 17, 19, 24, 26, and June 14, 16, 21, 23. Courses are held in the Branch Medical Clinic conference room, 10-11 a.m. Participants must attend all four sessions. For more information call 253-3266.

### **Controlling Cholesterol Course**

A Controlling Cholesterol Course will be offered April 27, May 25 and June 22, 10-11 a.m. in the Branch Medical Clinic conference room. This class will help participants understand what cholesterol is, how to reduce it, and the importance of good nutrition and regular exercise. For more information call 253-3266.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays, 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are held on the second floor of Building 497. For more information call 43-4814.

### **Baby Playgroup**

Parents and their babies up to 12 months are invited to enjoy a time to play, share and learn, Fridays, 10-11 a.m. in Building 553 (M.C. Perry Elementary School), the E.D.I.S. playroom. Topics will include growth and development, play and exercise, feeding, adjustment to parenthood and more. Child care vouchers are available for siblings. For more information call 253-4562.

### **Consignment Shop**

The Consignment Sales Shop, located on the second floor of the Crossroads Mall, opens Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Consignments and donations are accepted during operating hours or in the drop box after working hours. The shop is part of the Enlisted Spouses Club and supports the community with donations and scholarships. For more information call 253-4721.

### **Kintai Bridge Festival**

The Kintai Bridge Festival Committee is looking for Americans to participate in a time-honored Daimyo Costume Parade. The event is part of the 23rd annual Kintai Bridge Festival, scheduled April 29. For more information call 253-4641.

### **Pancake Breakfast with Bunny**

The American Red Cross will hold pancake breakfast with bunny April 15, 8-10 a.m. at Chapel Annex. Meal will include pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk, coffee.

Each child will receive an Easter basket. There is a fee, and reservations are suggested. For more information call 253-4525 or stop by Building 360, Rm. 34.

### **Motorcycle Instructor Course**

Station Safety will be sponsoring a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Instructor Certification Course at a date to be determined. Successful completion of the course enables the participant to instruct MSF courses. Interested individuals should have a minimum of two years left on station, be an experienced motorcycle rider, and be able to attend a two week course in Iwakuni. Information packets can be obtained from Station Safety.

### **Kids Fest 2000**

Kids Fest 2000 will be held Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the MAC Dome. Air Station agencies will be providing information and free games and activities for young children. Contests will include creep and crawl, Little Tot Trot, Chubbiest Cheeks, Parent-Child Look Alike and Hula Hoop. Drawings for gift certificates will be held throughout the event. For details call 253-4562.

### **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society**

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides interest-free loans or grants for Navy and Marine Corps members and their families to meet their immediate, emergency needs. Navy Relief can assist with emergency travel, basic living expenses, personal needs when pay is delayed, and essential vehicle repairs. They also offer budget counseling, spouse tuition aid and layette packages for newborns. Navy Relief cannot pay for vacations, non-essentials, telephone bills and fines/legal expenses. A budget will be prepared at your appointment. You must bring a current LES and verification of assistance needed. For more information call 253-5311. The office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and is located in Building 360, Rm. 35. Appointments requested, walk-ins are welcome.

### **Marine Corps Community Services Teen Center Registration**

Teens are reminded that they must re-register as a Teen Center member by April 30. For additional information call 253-6454.

### **Child Care Orientation**

Individuals wishing to provide child care in their home should plan to attend an orientation session April 17-19, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Child Development Center Building 636. Various benefits are available, including college credit toward an associate degree in Child Development. For more information call 253-6553.

### **National Library Week Activities**

In honor of National Library Week, Sunday through April 15, the Station Library holds a drawing and a night of thanks. Patrons are invited to visit the library, third floor of the Community Services Building, and enter the contest at the circulation desk, where prizes will be

displayed. The library holds "Thank You" Night, Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this evening of success stories. Refreshment will be served. For more information call 253-4607.

### National Volunteer Week

Sunday through April 15 is National Volunteer Week. This year's theme is "Celebrate Volunteers." Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni will honor volunteers with a banquet at Club Iwakuni April 25. Call Jackie Lewis at 253-6962.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Children up to 12 years old are welcome at the annual Easter egg hunt, April 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Monzen Field. Call MCCS Special Events at 253-6184.

### Employment Workshop

The Career Resource Management Center will hold a workshop Wednesday, 1-2:30 p.m. to explain Iwakuni's local and Federal job market and the application processes. Learn how to complete the SF-171, OF 612 and KSA forms with computer programs. The class will be held in the Community Services Building, Room 216. For more information call 253-6439.

### Resume Workshop

The Career Resource Management Center will hold a Basic Resume Workshop April 20, 1-2:30 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Roo. 216. All job seekers interested in identifying skills, training and experiences that translate into marketable job qualifications are welcome. For more information call 253-6439.

### 1-2-3 Magic

Learn a discipline technique for 2-year-olds and older that works. Remaining 1-2-3 Magic sessions will be held April 20 and 27, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 127. For more information or to register call 253-6553.

### Local Employment Procedures

"Special" Family Member Local Procedures Class is scheduled April 18, 9-11 a.m. in Community Services Building 411, Room 217. This Class answers a myriad of questions confronting Iwakuni's local job seekers. Information presented will include CHRO's employment procedures, spouses employment preference, qualifications and referral priorities. Advanced sign-up is required. For more information call 253-6828.

### Fil-Am's Election of Officers

Filipino-American's election of officers will be held April 16 at noon at Minato Club. All members are encourage to attend. For more information call Troy Adams at 253-2152.

## Education



### Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday

- College Level Examination Program

## Chapel's Weekly Services

### Divine Services

#### Roman Catholic

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)  
Sunday 9 a.m. Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)

#### Protestant

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Protestant Liturgical Service (Chapel Annex)  
Sunday 10 a.m. Church of Christ (Chapel Annex)  
10:30 a.m. General Protestant Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)  
12 p.m. Gospel Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)

#### Latter Day Saints

Sunday 12:30 p.m. Latter Day Saints (Chapel Annex)

#### Jewish

Friday 6 p.m. Jewish Shabat (Chapel Annex)

Call 253-5218 for more information.

For information on Jewish Services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the Station Chapel.

- DANTES Subject Standardized Test
- April 20 - Scholastic Assessment Test
- April 24 - Electronics Data Processing Test
- April 26 - Defense Language Aptitude Battery
- Defense Language Proficiency Test
- April 27 - Armed Forces Classification Test

Sign in for tests at the Education Service Office, located at the Community Services Building, Room 101. Tests begin at 8 a.m. There is a fee for civilian personnel but not for military personnel. For more information call 253-3855.

### M.C. Perry School

Matthew C. Perry schools are scheduled to be closed today for a teacher's workday. Spring break will be started Monday and continue through April 14.

There will be no school April 24 for elementary school students.

Kindergarten registration for school year 2000-2001 will be held April 24-28. Stop by the Elementary School office to pick up a registration packet.

### Tuition Assistance

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is offering tuition assistance for Term V at Troy State University, University of Maryland and Central Texas College to spouses of Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Amounts up to \$300 are available for undergraduate study and up to \$350 for graduate work. Tuition aid is granted one term at a time and is based on need. Applications are accepted through April 21. Paperwork and interview must be completed by April 21. Stop by the Education Office or the Navy Relief Office to pick up spouse tuition packet. Bring LES, identification card and completed paperwork to interview. Call 253-5311 for an appointment.